FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H.3632

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: LLR - Nurses - Criminal Background Check

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES: See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3632 would provide that the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation may require a criminal history background check of an applicant for licensure to practice nursing and would provide that the department may require such a background check in connection with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding of a licensee.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Department reports there will be additional costs associated with this Bill, but any costs will be absorbed by the agency.

State Law Enforcement Division

According to the Bill, the costs of conducting a criminal history background check for a license to practice nursing must be borne by the applicant. The cost of conducting a criminal history background check associated with an investigation or hearing must be borne by the department. The applicant or department must pay a fee of \$25 for the state background check and \$24 for the national criminal records check. Assuming other funds revenue will cover the cost of conducting the state background check there should be no additional cost to the State General Fund upon enactment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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